Statement

Important proposals on Electoral Reforms under consideration of Government

1. Measures to discourage non-serious candidates.

2. Restriction on contesting election from more than one constituency.

3. State funding of the election.

4. Restoration of pre-1975 position regarding automatic disqualification in case of a person found guilty of a corrupt practice.

5. Introduction of multi-purpose identity cards.

6. Expenditure incurred by a political party on the election of a candidate to be treated as part of his election expenditure whoever incurs it.

7. Fixing six months time limit for holding bye-elections.

8. Ban on donation by companies to political parties; and

9. Provision of an independent secretariat for the Election Commission.

Pending cases in A.P. Courts

2214. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the number of cases pending in courts, High Courts in A.P.;

(b) how old are they; and

(c) what steps are taken for their early settlement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) As indicated by the Registry of Andhra Pradesh High Court position of pendency of cases in Courts of Andhra Pradesh is as follows :

	Distt. & Sub-ordinate Court (as on 30-6-92)	High Court (as on 30-6-93)
Total pendency	9,11,771	1,10,153
Upto year	4,42,899	29,987
One to three years	2,79,095	40,889
Three to ten years	1,84,126	39,044
Over ten years	5,651	238

(c) The High Court has taken some procedural steps to ensure that hearing of cases is expedited. These include posting and hearing of cases taking into account their year of institution, no appeal against an order of a single judge of the High Court in an interlocutory application in writ petitions, stricter implementation of Order XIX of the Code of Civil Procedure regarding proper and prompt recording of evidence, etc. The Government have also decided to include administration of Justice as a Plan subject with a view to remove infrastructural bottlenecks coming in the way of expeditious disposal of cases.

दल-बदल विरोधी कानून

2215. **डा. बापू कालदाते** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार संविधान की दसवीं अनुसूची तथा दल-बदल विरोधी कानून के कुछ प्रावधानों की व्याख्या के लिये न्यायपालिका के पास जाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कौन से प्रावधान हैं, जिनकी व्याख्या पर सन्देह है और जिन पर सरकार न्यायपालिका से मार्ग दर्शन चाहती है ?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) इस समय ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Smokeless "Chulhas" in Arunachal Pradesh

2216. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have introduced schemes for energy saving smokeless "Chulhas" in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the fund allocated for these schemes during the current year;

(c) whether Government propo es to modernise this scheme and wh ther the benefits of the schemes reach the remote villages of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Cen-